

Atty. Dkt. No.: 016777/0463
Appln. No.: 09/833,740

REMARKS

Claims 1- 11 are pending in the application. Claims 6-8 are withdrawn from consideration. Accordingly, claims 1-5 and 9-11 are currently being examined, and are on appeal.


The foregoing makes minor clerical amendments to claims 1, and 9-11 to place them in better form for appeal and allowance. Applicants' representative spoke with Examiner Priebe on February 5, 2004 to discuss clerical errors in the claims submitted with the Appeal Brief on January 9, 2004. Applicants have corrected the identified errors and resubmit these claims for the examiner's review. As suggested by Examiner Priebe, Applicants will file a corrected Appeal Brief after the examiner has accepted the submitted claim amendments.

The foregoing amendments make clerical changes to the claims, and do not introduce new matter. Applicants therefore request entry of the amendments and reconsideration of claims 1-5 and 9-11 in view of the Appeal Brief which will follow.

If there are any questions regarding this paper, or if any issues remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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